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1. "Lokatorschiki" in Paragraph 5 should read "lokatorshchiki."
2. "Sverksrochinki" in Paragraph 16 and 20 should read "sverkhsrochniki."

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1. each battery had a political officer.

2. two or three searchlights at Div. Hq.,  
 23rd AAA Div. a searchlight platoon existed at  
 Div. Hq. The lights were always covered with canvas.  
 about two meters in diameter.

3. 37-mm AA guns and 12.7-mm DShK AA MGs. GAZ-63 trucks used for towing

GAZ-63

4. a "Svoko-Lovitel"  
 in Zhitomir /N 50-19, E 28-40/ in the summer of 1952. It was  
 located behind a fence, four loud-  
 speakers set in a cluster. The speakers were rectangular, about

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70-80 cm at the open end, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  m long. All four speakers moved as a single unit in a circular pattern or up and down.

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5.

organization and duties of the group known as the "lokatorschiki"

such a group existed in Div. Hq., 23rd

van-type trucks housed the equipment used by the group.

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The truck mounted a covered sheet steel box about 3 x 5 m. Entrance to the van was through a door in the rear.

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The "lokatorschiki" wore artillery shoulder boards with the metallic signal insignia.

6.

Instructions were oral. CO, Lt. Col. Aleksey Ivanovich OLENIN, would be informed of an alert by phone from the Chief of Staff, 23rd AAA Div. OLENIN would then issue oral instructions to the officers and EM of the Special Section of Counterintelligence. Each officer and EM knew his duties and carried them out.

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8.

Communist activities? anti-

partisans were quite active. the inhabitants would operate only at night, appearing as common peasants or workers during daylight hours.

a Czech film entitled "Operation B". It was based on a plot showing Soviets in their struggle against the partisan group "Benderovtsi", which was operating in the Carpathians and in the western and southern Ukraine.

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9.

the EM wore the infantry magenta shoulder boards with black piping. The officers wore gold shoulder boards with magenta piping.

10.

MVD troons guarding all the large railroad bridges. these troons wore blue shoulder boards and blue-topped garrison caps.

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11.

personnel which were located at the VNOS post at the hospital in Stammersdorf

were from the 36th AAA Regt., 23rd AAA Div. They wore artillery shoulder boards with the metallic signal insignia.

12.

there were no air raid precautions. no group specifically organized as an air raid group. Most of the buildings did, however, have barrels of sand and water on the roof. these were for use in case of fire.

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a range finder (dalnomer) located in the center of four 37-mm AA guns. The device was approximately one meter long and two centimeters in diameter. Source believed that it was held at eye level, but was not sure if it was held on a mount and operated by hand.

16.

a "sverksrochnik" was entitled to the same leave as an officer, which was 45 days a year. An enlisted woman could receive 10 days leave in a year. There were no "sverksrochniki" among the enlisted women.

17.

18.

all the EM [ ] were initially attached (prikomendirovanny) from units within the 23rd AAA Div. to the Special Section of Counterintelligence. Since two of the section vehicles [ ] belonged to the Directorate of Counterintelligence in Baden, the two drivers were further attached or assigned to Baden [ ]

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these two drivers would leave the section and revert to the control of the Directorate of Counterintelligence in Baden if the need should ever arise.

19.

With the exception of one officer, all wore artillery type shoulder boards with the crossed cannon metallic insignia. The exception was Sr. Lt. Konstantin KOSTUCHENKO, who sometimes wore the artillery shoulder boards with crossed cannon insignia.

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More often he wore a mixture of the Air Force uniform and artillery uniform, or else the complete Air Force uniform with Air Force blue shoulder boards. [redacted] this officer had served with the Air Force in a previous assignment, but could give no definite information.

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20.

[redacted] The only "sverksrochniki" [redacted] were chauffeurs in the Directorate of Counterintelligence in Baden. One senior sergeant in the Special Section of Counterintelligence, who had been acting First Sergeant, was to be demobilized in December 1952. The CO of the section asked him to extend and he was promoted to First Sergeant. Then information was received that funds were not available to pay him the "sverksrochniki" rate. Consequently, he joined one of the AAA regiments of the 23rd AAA div.

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First degree GTO consisted of the following:

- a. Three kilometer run
- b. Sixteen various physical exercises
- c. Four to five pull ups
- d. An obstacle course, consisting of a run across a wooden barrier two meters high, crawling under a row of barbed wire obstacles, running the length of a wooden log, jumping across three log barriers, and finally a grenade throw from a crater hole into a dummy wooden building.

Second degree GTO consisted of the following:

- a. Ten kilometer run
- b. Sixteen various physical exercises
- c. Five to six pull ups
- d. Exercises on crossbar
- e. Exercises on parallel bars
- f. A 100 m swim with carbine
- g. Leap into water from a height of two to three meters.
- h. Obstacle course run (same as first degree test)

Though the tests were not necessarily required of civilians in the USSR, they were a "must" in the Soviet Army.

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